



... living care fully in Gods world ...

*"Then the Lord God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to cultivate it and guard it".
Genesis 2 v15*

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Who we are:

The ECO Team are a group from St Nicolas Church who believe that caring for creation and addressing the threats to God's earth are important moral issues for Christians today.

Our Mission:

To encourage environmental transformational change within our church, for individuals and at community levels by:

- ✔ Raising awareness
- ✔ Progressing our Eco Church status
- ✔ Providing opportunities for inclusivity.



Recycle,
Repair,
Re-use!

Our Achievements:

We are proud to have received a Bronze Eco Church Award for working with the St Nicolas church family to express our care for God's world. This has inspired us to strive towards higher awards.



Our Recycling Initiatives:

At present we collect:

- ✔ Spectacles - passed to local opticians for reuse eg in schemes like Mission for Vision
- ✔ Plastic milk bottle tops - sent for reprocessing with a donation to A Rocha conservation charity
- ✔ Used postage stamps - distributed between five charities to raise funds for them
- ✔ Binoculars - passed to the RSPB for use by conservation groups in Third World countries
- ✔ Postcards - collected for Mission Aviation Fellowship
- ✔ Plastic mailing wrappers – these are returned to Polyprint in Norfolk for reprocessing
- ✔ Mobile phones and certain used printer cartridges - recycled to benefit Traidcraft Exchange
- ✔ Foreign/UK notes and coins (even if no longer legal tender) - for Guildford Cathedral's appeal
- ✔ Old writing instruments (pens/felt pens etc) – passed to Bookham Library for their Terracycle collection.

All donations welcome - place in the labelled box near the south door in St Nicolas church

Fair Trade:



We are committed to using Fair Trade products whenever we serve refreshments and encourage other church room users to do likewise. A Fair Trade stall is held on the second Sunday of each month in church.

Get Involved:

- ✔ Audit your own wastefulness – don't buy what you don't need!
- ✔ Use your LOAF – buy local, organic, animal-friendly and fairly traded goods.
- ✔ Use eco-friendly cleaning products – Ecover and/or supermarket eco products.
- ✔ Compost kitchen waste; go organic.
- ✔ Use water wisely; take showers, use water butts for garden watering/car cleaning
- ✔ Use energy saving lightbulbs; turn off lights when leaving a room; do not leave electrical appliances on standby.
- ✔ Turn down the central heating thermostat; change to your energy supplier's Green Tariff.
- ✔ Re-use shopping bags. Use recycled paper and products made from renewable and sustainable resources.
- ✔ Invest ethically. Surrey Credit Union offers loans and investment opportunities
- ✔ Reduce car use: lift share; join a carpool.
- ✔ Use public transport, walk, cycle.
- ✔ Encourage wildlife in gardens – ponds, bird feeders, bug houses, re-wilding
- ✔ Reduce air miles; use carbon offset schemes.
- ✔ Educate children and each other – Transition Bookham - working towards Bookham becoming more planet friendly www.transitionbookham.org.uk
- ✔ Surrey Wildlife Trust - concerned with the conservation of wildlife in Surrey www.surreywildlifetrust.org
- ✔ Fairtrade Movement - empowering disadvantaged people in developing countries. www.fairtrade.org.uk

The Church of England Environment Programme



“The moral crisis of climate change is an opportunity to find purpose and joy, and to respond to our creator’s charge. Reducing the causes of climate change is essential to the life of faith. It is a way to love our neighbour and to steward the gift of creation.”

Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury

www.churchofengland.org

The Diocese of Guildford also promotes local church participation in Eco Church, an award scheme to help churches care for God's earth.

<https://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/>

Useful contacts:

- ✔ Simple energy advice – 0800 444 202
Website: www.simpleenergyadvice.org.uk/
- ✔ Recycling in Bookham Website: www.iliveinbookham.com/recycling-in-bookham/
- ✔ Repair Café organised by Transition Dorking. Repair electricals, textiles, etc. Open monthly on 1st Saturday. Dorking Christian Centre, Church St, Dorking
- ✔ www.changeyourworld.org.uk – Ways of travelling without using our cars
- ✔ Mole Valley District Council, Pippbrook, Dorking RH4 1SJ – 01306 885001
Website: www.molevalley.gov.uk – Information on environmental issues & services provided.
- ✔ Green Christians - 0345 459 8460
Website: www.greenchristian.org.uk
- ✔ GreenWise Shop, 236-240 Cobham Road, Fetcham KT22 9JQ - 01372 200914
Website: <https://fetchemcupboard.co.uk/>
<https://www.facebook.com/greenwiseshop>
- ✔ Waste & Resources Action Prog. WRAP - 01295 819900 Website: wrap.org.uk
- ✔ **ARocha** is a Christian charity working for the protection & restoration of the natural world & committed to mobilising UK churches & Christians to care for the environment. ARocha UK 18/19 Avenue Rd, Southall, UB1 3BL – 0208 8574 5935.
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